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Flathead Forest Friday Focus: Off-Highway Vehicles

KALISPELL, MONT. – If you recreate on the Flathead National Forest (FNF) using Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) we hope to chat with you during breakfast. Please join Forest Recreation Program Manager Becky Smith-Powell at the Night Owl/Back Room Restaurant in Columbia Falls, Montana at 7 AM on Friday, July 25, 2014 for a no-host breakfast and discussion on the OHV recreation opportunities on the FNF.

Recreationists have three areas where OHV riding is permitted on the Forest; the Hungry Horse motor cross area, the Wild Bill OHV trail; and the ATV trail above Ashley Lake. Seasonally open Forest roads also offer hundreds of miles of other riding opportunities. We want to ensure a safe and environmentally friendly program is available to riders. We would like to discuss and hear your thoughts on OHV education and communication, motor vehicle use maps (MVUM), signage, protection and restoration in designated use areas, patrols, and monitoring on OHV trails.

Every other month, the Forest Service will coordinate these no-host breakfast meetings at a local restaurant with the goal of sharing good food, great company, and a little information about what's happening on our National Forest. We hope the event will be a great way to discuss public land management opportunities and challenges that are important to us all.

If you plan to attend or have any questions, please notify Public Affairs Officer Wade Muehlhof at ewmuehlhof@fs.fed.us or (406) 758-5252. Your response allows us to plan accordingly with the restaurant.

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